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On 31 December 1952, 19 officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and tank insignia; black-bordered black and black-bordered crimson epaulets left the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, south of Quedlinburg-Quarumbeck, on the road to Gernrode. At about 10 a.m., about 250 troops left the installation and marched to the firing range. On 14 January, a unit of company strength was drilling in the barracks yard from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., and 35 soldiers were being instructed on three T-34/85 tanks at about 12:15 p.m. At about 10:30 a.m. on 29 January, four SP guns with about 40 soldiers mounted left the installation toward Quedlinburg. Beginning at 11 a.m., record firing with rifles and light machine guns and, beginning at 12:30 p.m., firing with eight 120-mm mortars with practice

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Comment. The 597th Mtz Rifle Regt of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div has been vaguely indicated in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne. The observation of four SP guns is not contradictory to this assumption. However, as the regiment is equipped with only six 120-mm mortars, and from the T-34 tanks observed, it appears possible that the installation is occupied by other units in addition to the regiment. indications as they belong to the Third Shock Army, the IX Mtz Rifle Corps and, presumably, the 18th Mecc Div.

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